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Serial No.:	09/508,977	:	Art Unit:	1651
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Filed:	March 17, 2000	:	Docket No.:	1997/F-237
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For:	Fermentation Process with Continuous	:		
	Mass Cultivation of Ciliates (Protozoa) for	:		
	Producing Biogenous Valuable Substances	:		

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §
1.111, Applicant requests reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 15 and 26 to read as follows:

15. A continuous fermentation process, comprising:
- (i) continuously cultivating ciliates in a volume of complex axenic aqueous culture medium to produce a biomass of ciliate cells containing a biogenous substance;
 - (ii) harvesting said culture medium containing the produced biomass at an extraction